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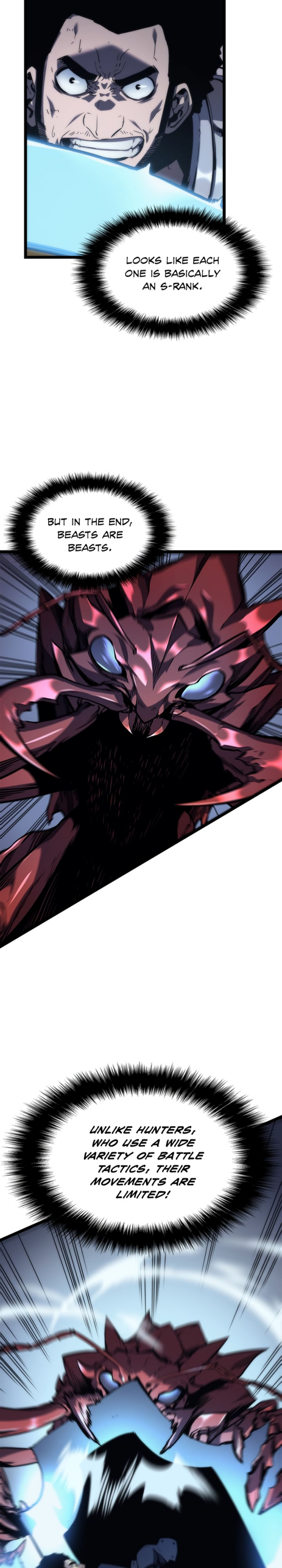
LOOKS LIKE EACH ONE IS BASICALLY AN S-RANK.
BUT IN THE END, BEASTS ARE BEASTS.
UNLIKE HUNTERS, WHO USE A WIDE VARIETY OF BATTLE TACTICS, THEIR MOVEMENTS ARE LIMITED!

CLANG

LEAP
HAE-IN!

CLACK
SLICE
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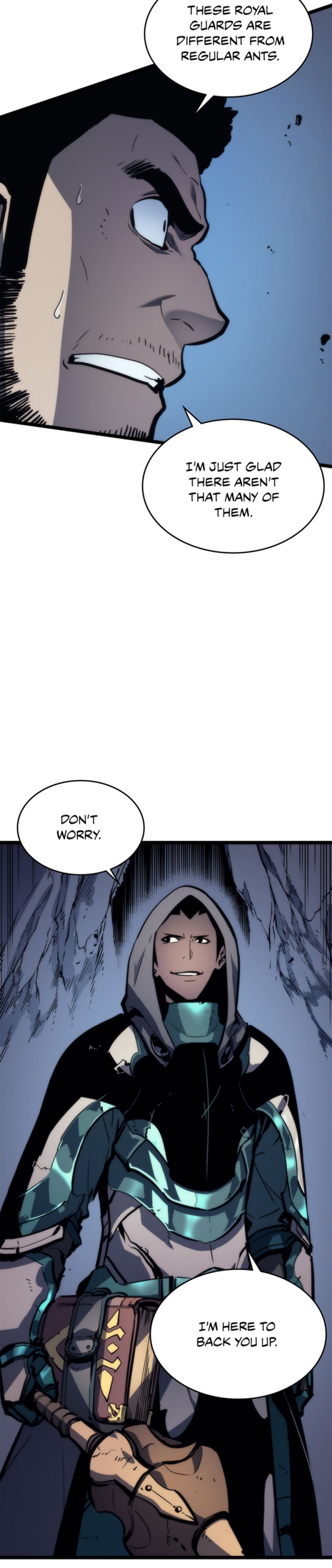
SPLURT

VWOOM

THEIR BODIES ARE PRETTY TOUGH.
WAY MORE THAN I THOUGHT THEY WOULD BE.


THESE ROYAL GUARDS ARE DIFFERENT FROM REGULAR ANTS.
I'M JUST GLAD THERE AREN'T THAT MANY OF THEM.
DON'T WORRY.
I'M HERE TO BACK YOU UP.

I GUESS YOU AREN'T ALWAYS A SCAREDY-CAT.

SWISH

SPEAK FOR YOURSELF, MAN. STOP ACTING LIKE AN AMATEUR.

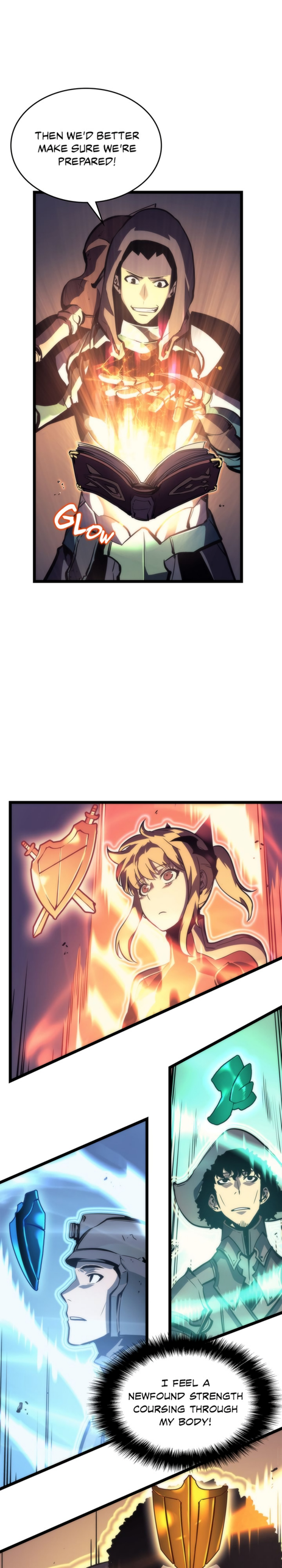
SMASH

DID YOU FORGET? EVEN IF YOU CRUSH THEIR SKULLS, THEY CAN REMAIN ALIVE FOR QUITE SOME TIME.

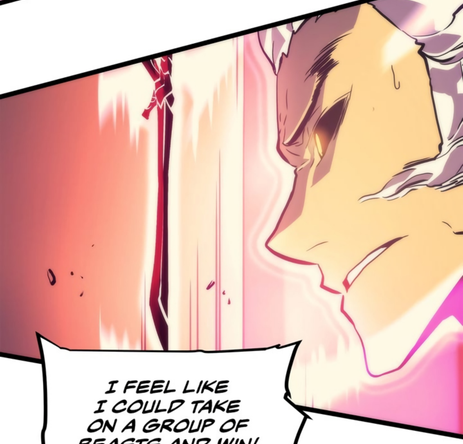
YOU HAVE TO EITHER CUT OFF THEIR LIMBS, OR MAKE SURE YOU FINISH THEM OFF FOR GOOD.

EVEN THOUGH THE QUEEN ISN'T IN HER CHAMBER, HER ROYAL GUARDS ARE HERE.
BUT THESE ONES LOOK LIKE THEY'RE FROM AN OLDER GENERATION...
THIS IS JUST A GUESS, BUT...
I THINK THEY WERE CAST OUT BECAUSE THEY'RE FIRST-GENERATION ANTS.

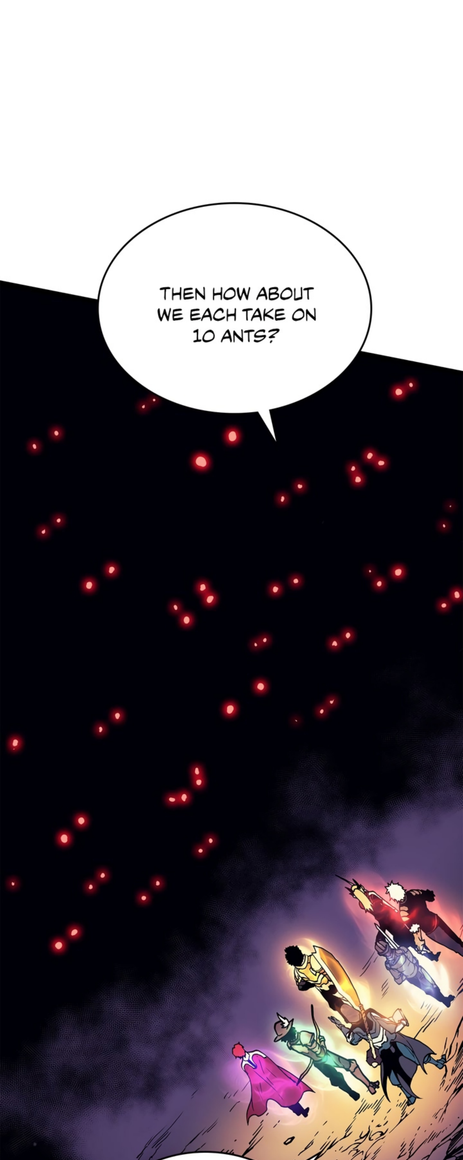
THAT MEANS A SLEW OF SECOND-GENERATION GUARDS MAY BE WAITING FOR US UP AHEAD.


THEN WE'D BETTER MAKE SURE WE'RE PREPARED!
GLOW
I FEEL A NEWFOUND STRENGTH COURSING THROUGH MY BODY!

IN FACT,
I DON'T JUST FEEL
REFRESHED,



I FEEL LIKE
I COULD TAKE
ON A GROUP OF
BEASTS AND WIN!

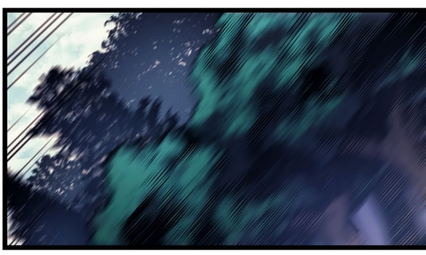

THEN HOW ABOUT
WE EACH TAKE ON
10 ANTS?

I'VE GOT
THE COMBAT
SKILLS OF AN
A-RANK,

SO I CAN TAKE
CARE OF ONE OR

TWO STRAGGLERS
IF NEEDED.

DO YOU REALLY THINK I'M CRAZY ENOUGH TO RELY ON A HEALER?
THESE BUFFS YOU'VE GIVEN US SHOULD BE MORE THAN ENOUGH, SO STAND BACK AND WATCH HOW IT'S DONE.



I CAN'T BELIEVE WE HAVE TO GO CHECK UP ON TEAM CHARLIE BECAUSE WE LOST CONTACT WITH THEM...
WHAT THE HELL ARE THEY UP TO?

HEY, SLOW DOWN.

IS THIS WHERE THEY WERE STATIONED?

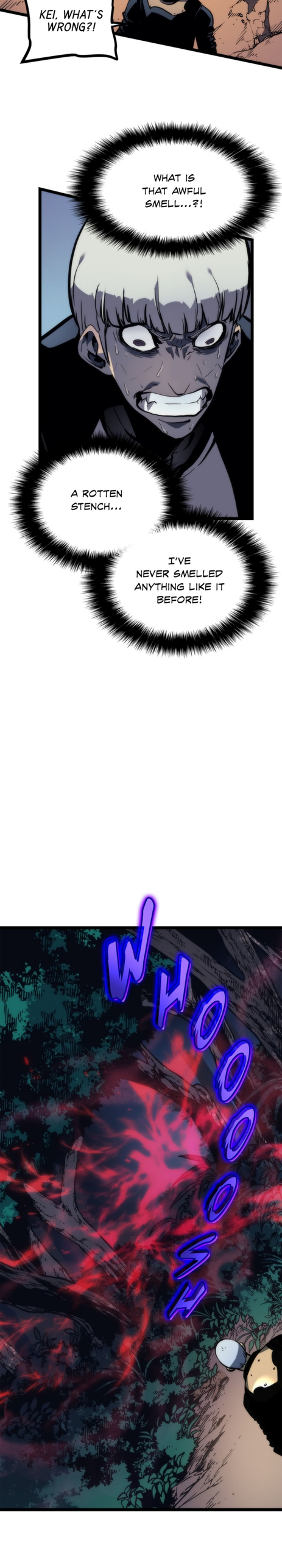
EVIDENCE OF A BATTLE...
LOOKS LIKE THEY EASILY DEFEATED THE ANTS.
I WONDER WHERE THEY WENT.

FUJISHIMA'S
GLASSES?

NO WAY...
NO...
IMPOSSIBLE.

OOF..

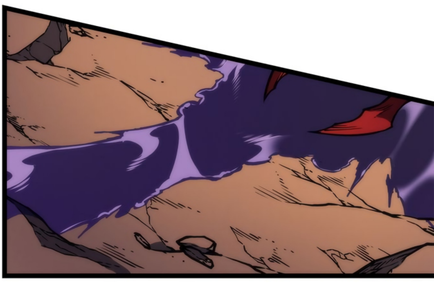
BLAAAAARGH!


KEI, WHAT'S WRONG?!
WHAT IS THAT AWFUL SMELL...?!
A ROTTEN STENCH...
I'VE NEVER SMELLED ANYTHING LIKE IT BEFORE!
WHOOOOOSH

AAAAAHHHH!!
BLAST
BOOOOOOM

CRACK

CLANK



DAMN IT... WE SPENT TOO MUCH TIME ON THESE GUYS.
NO, IT ONLY TOOK FIVE MINUTES TO DEFEAT THIS MANY ANTS. WE WERE PRETTY FAST.
THAT WAS AMAZING. BYUNG-GU BASICALLY GAVE HER WINGS.
IN THAT SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME, SHE PROBABLY SLAUGHTERED AT LEAST TWICE AS MANY ANTS AS I DID.

IT TOOK US 15 MINUTES TO REACH THIS POINT.

IT'LL TAKE US LESS TIME TO GO BACK THE WAY WE CAME, SO...

I'D SAY WE HAVE ABOUT 30 MINUTES LEFT.

NOW WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO COMPLETE THIS RAID...

THIS SMELL...

...PROBABLY BELONGS TO THE QUEEN. I THINK SHE'S WITH HER GUARDS AS WELL...

LET ME CHECK.

!!
WHIRRR

THAT'S... THE QUEEN?!

THE QUEEN IS IN THE VERY BACK...
...AND THERE ARE EIGHT GUARDS IN FRONT OF HER.

THE ROYAL GUARDS ARE PRETTY MUCH AS STRONG AS S-RANKS, BUT...

THE TEAM WILL BE ABLE TO FINISH THEM OFF WHILE I CREATE A DIVERSION AND BUY THEM TIME.

MS. CHA, I'LL TAKE ON THE QUEEN. CAN YOU TAKE CARE OF THE GUARDS?

SURE, YOU CAN COUNT ON ME.

BOOM!

KA

BOOM

USUALLY I HAVE

USUALLY, I HAVE TO RESTRAIN MYSELF.
BUT TODAY, I THINK IT'D BE A SHAME TO LET ANY MANA GO UNUSED.
FWOOOOOSH

FWIP
FWIP
FWIP

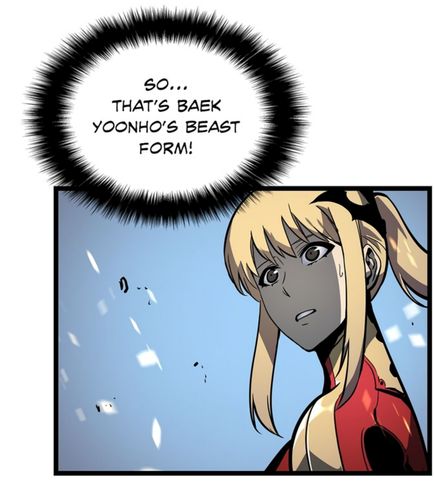
DON'T WORRY, I'VE GOT YOUR BACK.

THAT'S RIGHT, THERE'S NO NEED TO RESTRAIN MYSELF ANYMORE.
GRIT

CRACK

I DON'T CARE IF I TURN INTO THIS HIDEOUS FORM...

...AS LONG AS I CAN EXTERMINATE EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THESE DAMN INSECTS!



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